

## Youth & Parent Perception of Access by RSN

**Operational Definition:** Percentage of youth and parents/caregivers agreeing or strongly agreeing with the items on the MHSIP Youth/Family Survey-Access Scale by RSN.

**Operational Measures:** The percentage of youth or parent/caregivers with an average score greater than 3.5 (agree/strongly agree) on items 21 and 22 on the MHSIP

\* Two items are used to construct the Access to Services Scale:

\* (21) the location of services was convenient for (me)us

\* (22) services were available at times that were good for (me) us.

### Formula:

Take the average of items 21 and 22.

Number of respondents with an average score within respective ranges  
on items 21 and 22 by RSN

Number of respondents to the survey by RSN

**Discussion:** This indicator shows the percentage of youth and parents/caregivers of youth who agree or strongly agree (mean score above 3.5) that services are accessible by RSN. For FY05, the overall agreement rate was 70.6%. Agreement rates varied by RSN from a low of 60.3% to a high of 85.7% agreeing. These results are similar to Statewide results found in the 2001 and 2003 surveys.

### Data Notes:

- \* Data Source is MHSIP Youth and Family Survey.
- \* The Youth and Family MHSIP Survey is a confidential, self-reported measure conducted every other year.
- \* Youth 13 years of age or older fill out the Youth Survey. For Youth less than 13 years of age parent/caregivers completes the Family Survey.
- \* Trained telephone interviewers conducted the survey using a CATI system.
- \* The response rate for the survey was 44%.
- \* Copies of reports and toolkits are available on the Mental Health Division's website (<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/Mentalhealth>) or The Washington Institute's Webpage (<http://depts.washington.edu/wimirt/Publications.htm>).

## Youth and Parent/Caregiver's Perception of Access by RSN

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Calc. SPSS 07/27/05

RSN	Youth and Parent/Caregivers Perception FY03				Youth and Parent/Caregivers Perception FY05			
	Total	Strongly Disagree/ Disagree %	Undecided %	Strongly Agree/ Agree %	Total	Strongly Disagree/ Disagree %	Undecided %	Strongly Agree/ Agree %
Northeast	12	8.3%	8.3%	83.3%	14	14.3%	0.0%	85.7%
Grays Harbor	25	4.0%	28.0%	68.0%	21	4.8%	33.3%	61.9%
Timberlands	27	3.7%	25.9%	70.4%	27	0.0%	22.2%	77.8%
Southwest	37	13.5%	18.9%	67.6%	36	2.8%	30.6%	66.7%
Chelan / Douglas	30	3.3%	13.3%	83.3%	21	0.0%	28.6%	71.4%
North Central	27	7.4%	14.8%	77.8%	38	5.3%	18.4%	76.3%
Thurston / Mason	61	11.5%	27.9%	60.7%	45	2.2%	26.7%	71.1%
Clark	89	11.2%	20.2%	68.5%	87	8.0%	18.4%	73.6%
Peninsula	49	12.2%	16.3%	71.4%	51	3.9%	29.4%	66.7%
Spokane	133	15.0%	21.1%	63.9%	94	5.3%	26.6%	68.1%
Greater Columbia	156	8.3%	16.0%	75.6%	150	6.0%	24.0%	70.0%
Pierce	161	8.1%	22.4%	69.6%	63	6.3%	33.3%	60.3%
North Sound	232	9.5%	18.5%	72.0%	194	7.7%	18.0%	74.2%
King	272	9.6%	20.6%	69.9%	239	3.3%	26.8%	69.9%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>70.3%</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>70.6%</b>

